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REASONS FOR RENEWED INTEREST

Montana's coal reserves are again becoming economically important after 15 years of relative inactivity. The primary reasons for the recent renewed interest are the vast quantities available as well as the chemical properties of the coal. It is low in sulfur, sodium, and ash and is nonagglomerating and chemically reactive. Also of significance is the intimate relationship between coal and water supplies, the low cost of shipping through unit trains, increased demand for electricity and recent advances in coal hydrogenation (7).

The combination of angular sandstone-capped buttes, deeply disected badlands, rolling hills and a dry climate has resulted in a population density of about one person per square mile and an economy based primarily on livestock. The area contains little industry and a limited amount of dry and irrigated farming where the terrain permits, but a great majority of the land is devoted to livestock grazing. The area remains primarily rural with few towns of more than 2,500 people.

GEOLOGY AND RESERVES

The coal basin, which consists of parts of four states and

Saskatchewan, is known as the Fort Union area, named from the Fort Union Formation in which the coal is found. It is Paleocene in age and consists of sandstones, siltstones, claystones, and numerous coal beds in an interlayered sequence. The coal-bearing portion of the Fort Union is primarily of fluvial origin containing sediments derived from the Rocky Mountains to the west. The terrain on which these sediments were deposited was a low floodplain which contained large subsiding swampy areas and was crossed by numerous meandering streams.

The Fort Union area is perhaps the largest coal basin in the world, containing 40 percent of the United States reserves. Total reserves have been estimated to be 1.3 trillion (11) with strippable reserves in Montana calculated to be more than 30 billion tons (8).

Strippable coal is defined as a seam having a minimum thickness of six feet and overlain by 150 feet or less of overburden. It must be relatively free of shale partings and of sufficient areal extent to allow economic production (3).

WATER AVAILABILITY

Water controls all activity in this semi-arid region, and the industrial future of the Fort Union coal fields is no exception as coal-based development requires enormous quantities of water for cooling and conversion. Because most of the coal fields are far removed from existing surface water sources, the nature and extent of development will depend on the quantity of water made available at the mine site. A large volume of easily accessible water will allow extensive generating and conversion complexes. If this supply is not provided through several new storage facilities and an intricate system of government pipelines, development will be more restricted and probably concentrated primarily on mining and export of coal.

The future use of groundwater in coal field development has not yet been firmly established. Evidently very little deep exploratory drilling for water has been done. Montana Power drilled to a depth of about 9,300 feet into Mississippian sediments near Colstrip. The chemical suitability of the water varies somewhat but the deliverability of the well looks favorable. It taps three aquifers and flows at a rate of 60 gallons per minute (9). However, the Montana Bureau of Mines indicates that the groundwater resources are not adequate to facilitate large-volume industrial development (7).

Surface water sources in the Montana Fort Union area are the Missouri, Yellowstone, Powder, Tongue, Bighorn, and Little Bighorn Rivers.

Industrial Utilization requires flow control on the streams from which the installations draw their supply. This control is obtained through the use of dams and offstream storage reservoirs. Storage facilities in the general area include Bighorn Lake, Tongue River Reservoir, Fort Peck Reservoir and the proposed Moorhead Reservoir on the Powder River. Also, the Bureau of Reclamation has under consideration two offstream reservoirs on the north side of the Yellowstone River between Forsyth and Billings.

A summary of available and potential industrial water from each source is as follows:(18):

	Acre-feet	
	Available	Potential
Bighorn River Bighorn Lake	262,000	
Powder River Moorhead Reservoir		57,000
Tongue River Tongue River Reservoir		60,000
Yellowstone River Main stem (with regulation by offstream reservoirs or Allenspur)		1,356,000
Missouri River (16) Fort Peck Reservoir	1,000,000 (approx.)	

The Bureau of Reclamation has proposed an aqueduct system for the purpose of providing water for coal development. The agency investigated several routes and delivery points with the primary Montana termini in the areas of Colstrip, Sarpy Creek, Sweeney Creek, Crooked Creek, and Pumpkin Creek. In response to an inquiry some of the potential users exhibited a definite interest and indicated that total aqueduct capacity should be about 2.6 million acre-feet per year (9). The earliest requested delivery date was 1977 with the majority of the firms listing 1980 as the target date for completion of the system (6).

A significant quantity of water is present on Indian lands in Montana. As to how much of this the Indians will be entitled is still undetermined, although it is expected that they will be first in line. The Indians' share will provide a marketable product for the tribes involved, but the anticipated legal battle will have to be settled prior to construction of the aqueduct.

A shortage of water is developing in eastern Montana, especially in the Yellowstone River drainage. The Bureau of Reclamation (17) indicates that 871,000 to 1,004,000 acre-feet of water per year from Montana's portion of the Yellowstone, Bighorn, Powder and Tongue Rivers are presently under option by energy companies. The agency has also received requests or indications of interest in another 945,000 acre-feet from these streams (18). The Appraisal Report on Montana-Wyoming Aqueducts indicates that the state's total existing and potential supply of water from these sources amounts to 1,735,000 acre-feet per year. Fort Peck Reservoir on the Missouri River has about 1 million acre-feet of available water that will probably be used as a source for any installations north of the Yellowstone.

In general, it seems safe to assume that a supply of water sufficient to accommodate the coal developments presently under consideration will require complete development of the area's water resources. This will require more dams along with interbasin and interstate transportation of water through the network of pipelines proposed by the Bureau of Reclamation. Before this construction begins the benefit derived from such action should be carefully weighed against the other possible uses of the water as well as the cumulative primary and secondary environmental impacts of such action. In this area of vast strippable coal deposits, water is the key, whether for production of synthetic crude oil, synthetic pipeline gas, byproduct chemicals, or electric power generation. Provision of a readily available supply will have far-reaching effects -- environmentally, socially and economically.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Coal companies presently operating strip mines in the state include the following:

Western Energy at Colstrip began production in 1968 at a rate of ½ million tons per year. The operation has been expanded to an estimated 5 million tons in 1971 (11). A recent announcement indicates that the company intends to provide a Wisconsin power firm with 2.3 million tons per year.

Peabody Coal Company opened a test pit 7 miles south of Colstrip in 1968. The company plans to supply Minnesota Power and Light with 2 million tons of Rosebud coal annually.

Decker Coal Company is expected to mine about 3.4 million tons in 1972 near the community of Decker in southeastern Big Horn County (11). A railroad spur linking Decker with northern Wyoming has recently been completed. Shipping costs are reduced through the utilization of the unit train on which coal is the only commodity transported. The rate per ton varies with the quantity of coal to be delivered and the distance to destination.

Knife River Coal is operating in the eastern part of the state near the town of Savage. The company produces about 320,000 tons per year and disturbs 20 additional acres per year (10).

Consolidation Coal Company has a pit in the Bull Mountains from which it removed 39,000 tons for a test burn in 1971.

The next mining operations are likely to be (11): Peabody Coal on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation, Consolidation Coal in the Bull Mountains, and Westmoreland Resources on Sarpy Creek.

The coal basin area of Montana has seen intense leasing activity recently. Many companies and private individuals have taken leases on state land, with Consolidation Coal, Ayrshire Coal, Fred Woodson, and Peter Kiewit & Sons heading the list. The Montana State Office of the Bureau of Land Management has already issued 17 leases for 36,192 acres and 15 prospecting permits for 43,000 acres. It also has under consideration 17 lease applications for 48,000 acres and 14 prospecting applications for 52,500 acres (13).

About 16,000 acres of Indian land have also been leased. Two costs are involved here, a lease fee and a development cost similar to the improvement requirement on a locatable mineral claim. After a certain number of years, following review by the U.S. Department of Interior and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, a lease can be canceled if mining operations have not begun. The grace period is usually about 10 years.

Coal-fired steam generation plants presently operating in the state are located in Billings and Sidney. Montana Power has budgeted a 700 megawatt mine-mouth plant at Colstrip, the first 350 megawatt unit of which is scheduled to be completed in 1975 (2).

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD IF WE HAVE...

Strip Mining and Export?

The Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology indicates that the 1973 coal production in this state will be about 16 million tons per year and expanded to more than 20 million tons annually by 1975 (8) (11). The increasing demand for low sulfur coal could accelerate strip mining activity resulting in significantly higher production figures in the near future.

With the proliferation of strip mining comes the problem of large scale reclamation. Extraction of 16 million tons per year from the present mines will overturn 275 to 520 acres per year while full employment of Montana's strippable reserves will disturb a total of about 770,000 acres (21). Although eastern Montana does not have problems with such things as acid drainage, reclamation efforts are complicated by the semi-arid conditions of the region. The scarcity of water makes the regrowth of any type of vegetation a very slow process. Previous experience indicates that unconsolidated spoils left at the angle of repose will not support an effective vegetative cover, and simply leveling the tops of the spoils will do little to alleviate the problem; however, stockpiling soil, contouring spoils, and the subsequent use of farm equipment for soil conditioning and seeding offer some possibilities.

In some areas such as Decker in which the coal bed is an aquifer, mining will have a definite impact on the groundwater supply, movement, and rate of recharge. A well near the test pit at Decker lost five feet of head after excavation, and evidence indicates that all water will eventually be drained from the coal bed aquifer. Wells will have to be deepened to tap other aquifers as mining progresses. Because spoils have lower permeability than the coal bed, cessation of mining and filling the final cut will restrict ground-water movement and raise the water table up-gradient from the mine site. After reclamation, the mined area will serve as a zone of local recharge.

Assuming that reclamation will be effective, there will still be a considerable delay before land can be returned to its original use. Until the vegetative cover is firmly established, grazing would be impossible. There will also be a displacement of wildlife for an unknown period plus the fact that the habitat created on the spoils may not satisfy all the needs of the species native to the area.

Other potential environmental problems exist. Among them are a dust problem, at least temporarily, adjacent to the spoil banks and the need for additional railroad corridors if the coal is shipped by unit train. If slurry pipelines are used, export of large quantities of Montana water will be required.

Because of the high degree of mechanization in the mining and transportation processes, development for export would probably cause only a small increase in job opportunities and no significant change in the areas overall employment patterns.

Mine-Mouth Generating Plants?

The requirements for a mine-mouth generating installation are: proximity to fuel source, market or both; access to large supplies of condensing water; freedom from floods or other natural disasters; and a large tract of land available at a moderate cost. Eastern Montana meets all the requirements except market, and the development of extra-high-voltage grids will provide that.

The North Central Power Study (12) estimates a steam-fired generating capacity of 53,000 megawatts in the Gillette-Colstrip oval by 1980. The complex would provide electricity within a 13 state area and for users as far away as St. Louis, Missouri. Something less than half of the capacity will probably be generated in this state, since 21 of the 42 potential sites are in Montana. The plants range in size from 1,000 to 10,000 megawatts (the Corette plant in Billings is 180 megawatts) with total estimated coal consumption in excess of 200 million tons per year. About 300-500 full-time employees would be required to operate the Montana plants. These would be in addition to those needed for maintenance and service of transmission lines and operation of the mines.

Full development of all 21 North Central Power Study sites in eastern Montana would result in an instate steam generating capacity of about 69,000 megawatts. Most of the Montana plants are in the 1,000 and 5,000 megawatt categories while a large percentage of the Wyoming installations are to have 10,000 megawatts outputs.

One of the serious problems associated with the plants is that of airborne contaminants. Even with the most advanced pollution control equipment, enormous amounts of pollutants will be introduced into the atmosphere as a result of the vast quantity of coal used. Electrostatic precipitators and wet scrubbers remove 99 plus percent by weight of the particulate matter but remove a much smaller percentage of fine material (less than one micron in diameter). Unfortunately, it is the fines that stay suspended longest, enter most easily and deeply into the lungs, and inhibit visibility. Suspended particles also reflect solar radiation and may seed storms and otherwise alter downwind weather patterns (15). A current example of the problem is the 2,075 megawatt Four Corners Plant at Farmington, New Mexico, which emits over 465 tons of particulates each day and whose plume of pollution can be traced back to the plant from as far as 140 miles away (20). The magnitude of the future problem can be foreseen when it is realized that several of the North Central Power Study plants proposed for Montana are 2½ to 5 times as large as the Farmington operation.

Much conflicting information has been presented concerning sulfur dioxide, a major emission from coal burning operations. It appears that exposure to SO_2 has a retardation effect on plant growth and can be a threat to human health. Of sulfur dioxide in the air, President Nixon's February 1971 message to Congress says: "Sulfur oxides are among the most damaging air pollutants. High levels of sulfur oxides have been linked to increased incidence of such diseases as bronchitis and lung cancer. In terms of human health, vegetation and property, sulfur oxide emissions cost society billions annually."

Although we have not been able to locate any extensive studies concerning the effects of SO_2 on range vegetation, reports of deteriorated vegetation make it clear that injury can occur in areas of low annual concentrations when the sources of pollution and/or meteorological conditions are such that the threshold for injury is exceeded occasionally. Evidence also indicates chronic injury where concentrations never exceed 0.1 parts per million (19). One investigator, experimenting with the effect of SO_2 on rye grass, reported that yields grown in unfiltered air were significantly lower than similar plants grown in filtered air, with no visible symptoms in the plants. Sulfur dioxide levels ranged from 0.01 ppm to 0.06 ppm with exposure periods ranging from 46 to 81 days.(19).

At concentrations of about 0.05 ppm to 0.25 ppm sulfur dioxide may react synergistically with ozone or nitrogen dioxide in short term exposures to produce moderate to severe injury to sensitive plants. The damage caused by the combination of SO_2 and ozone or SO_2 and NO_2 is much more severe than would be a similar concentration of SO_2 and NO_2 individually (19).

These mine-mouth installations will also release large amounts of carbon dioxide as well as varying amounts of uranium, radium, thorium, mercury, cadmium, and other heavy metals.

Blowdown water is that which has been used in cleaning the cooling mechanism. The water is highly charged with minerals that are capable of killing aquatic life and surface vegetation. These minerals are also a source of groundwater contamination if subjected to leaching.

Spoil banks are another source of dissolved solids if water in excess of the normal precipitation (10-15 inches) is applied. Fly ash, removed by the pollution control equipment and disposed in the spoils, is relatively high in lead, zinc, copper, and sulfur.

Evidence indicates that these elements are not inert when buried and exposed to water.

Transmission lines associated with mine-mouth plants degrade the landscape visually; both these and pipelines require corridors as well as excavations and access roads.

Conversion Plants and Multi-product Complexes?

The multi-product complex consists of one integrated operation to produce electricity, liquid and gaseous fuels, and petrochemicals. These plants will have a capacity of 1,000 megawatts of power generation, 50,000 - 100,000 barrels of liquid fuel per day, and 250 million cubic feet of gas per day. Each plant would consist of a carbonization section producing gas and liquid fuels and a hydrogenation unit to produce synthetic crude oil. Char, which is a byproduct of the carbonization process, is usable as a fuel in the power plant. A three-plant complex will require annually 50,000 to 75,000 acre-feet of water and 12.5 million to 18 million tons of coal (16). The tremendous water and coal requirements will probably limit the number of complexes in Montana to 12 or less (17).

Gasification will probably be the first type of coal conversion in Montana. A synthetic pipeline gas will have to be approximately the same quality as natural gas, meaning a heating value of 950-plus BTU's per cubic foot (14). Sixty-five gasification processes presently exist (16) but none can yet produce at a price competitive with natural gas. The German Lurgi process probably offers the most promise for commercial gasification because fewer steps are needed. It requires larger capital investments than other techniques but has been proven in more than 30 plants around the world, none in the United States.

Lurgi gasification plants may consist of four units (trains) having a total capacity of 1 billion cubic feet per day and requiring a total investment of about $1 billion. The trains will be located 7 to 10 miles apart and each consume about 7 million tons of subbituminous coal as well as 17,000 acre-feet of water per year. This method makes more efficient use of the coal's original energy content than do steam electric installations. Steam generators transform 30 to 40 percent of the coal's heat to electricity while the Lurgi coal to gas process has a 69 percent conversion factor (efficiency). Preliminary estimates indicate that Lurgi gas plants could be operable in the Fort Union area within the next decade.

Several companies have expressed interest in constructing one or more units of 250 million cubic feet per day in Montana, but the intended gasification techniques have not yet been made public. In December of 1971 the HFC Oil Company of Casper, Wyoming requested 50,000 acre-feet of water from the Missouri River for future use in two or more gasification plants near Bloomfield in Dawson County. One may be constructed as early as 1974. Colorado Interstate Gas Company is slated to build a similar plant near Hardin, Montana. A proposed gasification plant near Sarpy Creek on the Crow Indian Reservation is expected to be operational by 1984 (17). Coal requirements will probably remain about the same regardless of the process used, but water requirements could vary significantly. Some estimates of the water needs for a plant capacity of 250 million cubic feet per day go as high as 33,000 acre-feet per year.

Several coal liquefaction processes have been devised and are in various stages of development but as yet are noncompetitive with petroleum products. These plants will have to produce approximately 100,000 barrels of liquid fuel per day and will consume annually 11 to 15 million tons of coal and 65,000 acre-feet of water (4) (16). No liquefaction plants are currently known to be planned for Montana.

Total in-state population increase resulting from coal development might be 300 thousand to 400 thousand people (1) (5). One multi-product complex will employ more than 3,000 individuals and might create a city as large as 24,000 people, which is larger than any present Montana city east of Billings (17).

The primary environmental problems would be the same as those previously mentioned.

IMPACT ON THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

The human environment is made up of numerous systems including industrial, agricultural, residential, commercial, educational, and recreational, as well as systems of cultural amenities, communications, and transportation, and finally, a political system.(5). All these systems are inter-related and any change within one is reflected by corresponding secondary changes in the others. It is apparent then that intensive large scale development in a predominantly agricultural region will have far-reaching secondary repercussions.

The transition from an agrarian to an urban-industrial life style could be very rapid in some locations. In these areas the basic employment patterns would be changed, the traditional culture values disrupted and existing land use relationships altered. However, well-planned coal development could benefit some eastern Montana communities weakened by declining population over the last few decades. Population increases could improve social interaction as well as provide better medical and educational services to isolated communities.

Industrialization creates an increased tax base on all levels. More income and more property will be available for taxation, but the population increase will also create a greater demand and require greater expenditures for all government services including police and fire protection, sewage and solid waste disposal, and water. It will require a larger number of educational facilities, an expanded political system, and a rethinking and modification of the entire transportation system. It will mean a greatly increased load on all existing recreation facilities and a demand for more.

The increased tax base is often temporary in the case of coal mining and coal-related industry. Unless reclamation is unusually successful and the land is restored to a productive condition, strip mining destroys the tax base. When the coal is depleted and the power companies move their plants closer to new fuel supplies, spoil banks have little tax value. The present standard of living in the Appalachian coal fields demonstrates the long-range economic impact of indiscriminate mining. The coal and power companies have departed, leaving the people with no jobs and the government with nothing to tax. As the coal reserves in Montana are exhausted, a similar situation would almost certainly develop if the long-range consequences are not anticipated and appropriate solutions incorporated into comprehensive planning.

The coal development area of the state may also be faced with the stress and frustration of urban living along with other related problems such as increased crime rate, poverty, overcrowding, noise, congestion, litter, and neighborhood deterioration. Although enormous problems will be associated with coal development, it should be emphasized that coal can provide an opportunity for the people and the State of Montana if it is handled properly.

Responsible development should include retaining certain mineable deposits as reserves. A state agency, possibly the Department of Lands, should be given the power of denial to restrict mining in areas such as the Bull Mountains and the Ashland Division of the Custer National Forest. Any kind of mining would be very destructive in these heavily wooded hills, but the topography and relief are such that the coal seam is exposed on the valley walls thus requiring the most ruinous of all open cut techniques, contour stripping. Omission of these areas from the present coal development picture would preserve an energy source usable in the event of a severe future shortage, and if coal, as indicated by some, is only an interim solution to our energy problems, these scenic areas might never have to be mined.

The question is not development versus nondevelopment. Instead, it is a question of whether or not the coal will be developed in a thoughtful, orderly manner. The aforementioned factors must be anticipated and planned for or the development will be similar to the gold rush days in which the miners removed their product and left a biological desert.

WHAT MUST BE DONE?

The question of current versus future use must be carefully considered. The present steam electric generators have half the efficiency of some generation and conversion techniques now under study. Rapid development of these methods might render the present facilities obsolete in a short time. The long-range interests of Montana might be best served by delaying development a few years rather than irretrievably committing the areas resources to an inefficient, outdated technology.

Long-term social and environmental degradation can be avoided only through a coordinated effort by all levels of government, the involved companies, and an interested public to formulate a regional plan for development. Half-hearted, fragmentary efforts by separate entities simply will not do the job.

A functional, soundly based regional plan for coal development will require a body of background information that is currently lacking. Urgently needed are:

1. A comprehensive study of effective reclamation practices.
2. A detailed analysis of Montana coal to determine the amount of trace elements and heavy metals present.
3. More work on the effects of SO_2 and other emissions on the rangeland ecology.
4. A study of the problems associated with burial of fly ash in spoil banks.

5. An in-depth study of government and industry research priorities. It would be important to know how much is being spent on the search for more efficient means of electrical generation and transmission as well as new generation techniques.

6. A comprehensive regional meteorlogical survey of the eastern one-third of the state.

7. Specific knowledge of the environmental problems involved in moving coal by slurry pipeline.

Above all, if the planning efforts of Montana and other coal reserve states are to have any hope of success, the most imperative need is for a national energy policy and a national program for moderating energy consumption by encouraging conservative rather than maximum energy use.

RESOLUTION ON COAL AND WATER DEVELOPMENT ADOPTED BY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL

April 7, 1972

The Environmental Quality Council hereby takes note of the lack of comprehensive planning for the future well being of Montana citizens in the surge of industrial interest in development of Montana's coal and water resources. In recognition of this situation, the Environmental Quality Council urges Governor Forrest H. Anderson to appoint and convene at an early date an interagency task force on coal development to guide and direct comprehensive planning incorporating consideration of the social, economic and environmental well being of Montana people in present and future generations. To be comprehensive such planning must include provisions for (1) industrial systems, (2) agricultural systems, (3) residential systems, (4) commercial systems, (5) educational systems, (6) park and recreation systems, (7) a system of cultural amenities, (8) a communication system, (9) transportation systems, and finally, (10) a political system.

The Environmental Quality Council recommends that at least the following offices and agencies be appointed to the task force: Governor's Office, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Department of Health and Environmental Sciences, Department of State Lands, Department of Planning and Economic Development, Department of Fish and Game, Department of Highways, Bureau of Mines and Geology, Department of Revenue, Department of Public Instruction, University System, Agricultural Experiment Station, Legislative Council and Environmental Quality Council.

The Council recommends inclusion of representatives from Federal counterpart agencies and industry as well as the formation of a citizen advisory council comprised of representatives of citizen organizations and associations.

In recognition of the key role of Montana water in impending coal development, the Council recommends that the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation be appointed the coordinating agency for the task force.

(Copies of this resolution were distributed to the Governor, state agencies named herein and the Montana Congressional delegation.)

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